

SENATE RESOLUTION 30

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A RESOLUTION to request the BEP Review Committee to make a recommendation as to whether the BEP Funding Formula should be modified to include a component regarding school safety and security.

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2012, in Newtown, Connecticut, twenty-six individuals, including twenty children, tragically lost their lives at Sandy Hook Elementary School in a mass shooting and, according to reports, the quick action of law enforcement officials and other first responders prevented additional losses of life; and

WHEREAS, in Tennessee, every school system has been required since 2007 to adopt comprehensive district-wide and building-level school safety plans regarding crisis intervention, emergency response, and emergency management based upon a template developed by a state safety team appointed by the commissioner of education; and

WHEREAS, the safety of our public school children is of vital importance to the people of Tennessee and it is highly appropriate that the BEP Review Committee consider the fiscal impact on local education agencies to ensure school safety and make recommendations to this body and the administration; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that the BEP Review Committee is hereby requested to make a recommendation, to be included in its 2013 annual report, as to whether the BEP Funding Formula should be modified to include a component regarding school safety and security.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared and transmitted to the executive director of the State Board of Education.